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Capital Planning Minutes 11-21-2000

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In attendance were:

- * Steve Andrews
- * John Bilafer
- John F. Britt
- John FitzMaurice
- Charles T. Foskett, Chairman
- Nancy T. Galkowski
- Anthony T. Lionetta
- A. L. Minervini
- Barbara Thornton

Not in attendance: *

Prior CPC Meeting Minutes: Minutes for the October 30th and November 7th CPC Meetings were reviewed and approved with comment. See revised minutes for the November 7th Meeting.

Finance Subcommittee: Al M. and John F. presented their reports. (Town Manager, Library, Legal, Human Services and Selectmen). Prepared memos were distributed. Highlighted comments included recommended continuance of the copier, fourth year float year policy, recommendation for use of alternative fuel (hybrid) vehicle, and denial of School Department requests for interior painting (\$50,000/year). The Committee agreed (as it has in the past) that interior painting is not a capital item. The Subcommittee also stated its concern over Small Equipment items. After a general discussion, it was agreed that existing small equipment requests should be allowed to be continued. However, no new such requests will be considered. The Library's prior year request for Air Conditioning (\$70,000) at the Fox may not be required.

Other Education Requests: The Subcommittee questioned the request for AHS Fitness Room Equipment (\$28,000). The request for a Suburban Type Vehicle (\$35,000) is for transport of special needs students. A new vehicle appears to be a more economical approach than the present cost of hiring drivers. This would bring savings to the Operating budget. There are funds remaining in prior year requests for removal of asbestos floor tiles. There are questions on the conversion of AHS's boiler to natural gas. Additional information has been requested on the intended disposition of the present underground fuel tanks. (Also related costs)

Public Works Subcommittee: Tony L. reported on meetings with Parks and ConCom. See prepared minutes. The CPC questioned the high cost of the request for the Robbins Farm Playground (\$300,000). There was discussion about the Spy Pond Requests. Given the magnitude of the project, it was agreed that this work should be reviewed by Public Works. Tony L. noted findings by Parks on the success of the privatization of field maintenance. Memorandum from Parks is forthcoming.

Water Bodies: Charlie F. raised a question on the oversight/management of three water bodies in Town (Spy, Menotomy and the Reservoir). Each seems to have a different group overseeing them and it seems that some attention should be given to assigning them to one group.

Jarvis House: The Town Manager's memo (w/attachments) on the Jarvis House was reviewed. The CPC is not supportive of the full program. (If it is decided to do this level of work). The CPC would like to have the ADA waiver on the elevator in-hand prior to approving the Targeted Program. (If it is decided to do this level of work). The Town Manager's office will need to consider the need for this office space and the implications on the Legal Department. The CPC requests direction from Manager.

Menotomy Rocks Park Wall: This work is going to be rebid. Tony L. questioned whether the entire length of the wall needs to be rebuilt. It appears that the bid is structured with unit prices.

Public Safety Subcommittee: Barbara T. and Nancy G. reported on their meetings with Police and Fire. See prepared memorandums. Relative to Police Requests, there are questions on the need for five vehicles (maybe only four should be approved this year??). Nancy G. noted the need to consider the findings of a recently completed Police Services study, which recommends five additional officers. The Subcommittee suggested that the request for Building Maintenance (\$50,000) be used for an overall building inventory study instead. The CPC discussed that all the buildings should be brought under the control of Public Works. The Maintenance Committee established by the Town Meeting should address this issue.

Light and Air Plant Trucks: The CPC agreed that Lighting and Air Plant trucks should be treated as separate pieces of equipment.

Fire Services Study: There was again discussion on the upcoming Fire Services study. Barbara T. will be the CPC's representative in working with the selected consultant. The CPC will need to consider its position on the request for Park Circle Station plans. It may be that this request should be moved back one year until the results of the study are known.

Adjournment. Next Meeting is December 5th.